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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-2. (canceled)

- 3. (currently amended) A recombinant nucleic acid <u>comprising a nucleic acid</u> that <u>will</u> hybridizes <u>under high stringency conditions</u> to a nucleic acid <u>having a sequence</u> selected from the group consisting of the sequences or <u>complement of the sequences</u>, shown in SEQ ID NOs: 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16, <u>under the high stringency conditions of washes at 0.1XSSC at 65°C for 2 hours.</u>
- 4. (currently amended) The nucleic acid of claim 3 A recombinant nucleic acid comprising DNA having a sequence identical to that shown in the sequences to a nucleic acid having the sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.
- 5. (original) An expression vector comprising transcriptional and translational regulatory nucleic acid operably linked to the nucleic acid of claim 3 or 4 encoding an *Haemophilus* adhesion and penetration protein.
 - 6. (original) A host cell transformed with an expression vector of claim 5.
- 7. (currently amended) A method of producing an *Haemophilus* adhesion and penetration protein comprising:
 - a) culturing a host cell transformed with an expressing the expression vector of claim 5 comprising a nucleic acid encoding an *Haemophilus* adhesion and penetration protein; and
 - b) expressing said nucleic acid to produce an Haemophilus adhesion and penetration protein.
 - 8-16. (canceled)
- 17. (new) A recombinant nucleic acid encoding an *Haemophilus* adhesion and penetration protein comprising DNA having a nucleic acid sequence at least 80% identical to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.

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18. (new). The recombinant nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said nucleic acid comprises DNA having a nucleic acid sequence at least 90% identical to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.

19. (new). The recombinant nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said nucleic acid comprises DNA having a nucleic acid sequence at least 95% identical to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.

20. (new). The recombinant nucleic acid of claim 17, wherein said nucleic acid comprises DNA having a nucleic acid sequence at least 98% identical to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.